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on the Merseburg airfield which gives information on the following report
(1) Air Activity, (2) Parachute Training, (3) AA Barracks, (4) Rocket Launchers, (5) Missiles for Rocket Launchers, and (6) Delivery of Guns to the East German Army.

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EAST GERMANY**SECRET**MILITARY/AIRMERSEBURG AIRFIELD AND A/A BARRACKS

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(End Oct - Mid Nov 57)1. AIR ACTIVITY

During the period under review MIG 17s have carried out frequent night flying and bad-weather flying training.

2. PARACHUTE TRAINING

About 35 Soviet parachute troops and two transport aircraft carried out the following training on MERSEBURG Airfield by day on 13 Nov 57 and on the night of 13/14 Nov 57.

The exercise on each occasion was as follows:

4 or 5 of the parachute troops as soon as they landed got into a T.54 tank which was standing on the airfield, and drove it away. The rest of the troops deployed and followed the tank in infantry formation. ()


3. A/A BARRACKSPersonnel(a) 7 Nov 57

About 3,000 Soviet troops took part in the ceremonial parade on the above date.

(b) 1 - 15 Nov 57


25 EGA Officers were given daily training by 6 Soviet Officers in the operation of the A/A rocket launchers described under "EQUIPMENT" below and generally as shown in the attached sketches.

4. EQUIPMENT(a) Holdings at the A/A Barracks MERSEBURG (BS 8321) - 7 Nov 57

(i) 27 x A/A rocket launchers (to take three rockets per launcher)  (See sketch at Appendix "A").

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(ii) 27 x A/A rocket launchers (to take 2 rockets per launcher) mounted on 2-axled trailers with double wheels (See sketch at Appendix "B").

(iii) 9 x A/A rocket launchers (to take a single rocket per launcher) mounted on 3-axled trailers of which the front axle has single wheels and the two rear axles double wheels 

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4. (a) (iv) 27 x A/A guns with double wheels, [redacted]
(v) 24 x A/A twin guns approximately 20 mm. [redacted]
(vi) 12 x "quadruplet" A/A guns about 20 mm. [redacted]
(vii) 36 x radar vehicles, 2-axled with double wheels.
(viii) 12 x W/T trucks, 2-axled.
(ix) 16 x W/T trucks, 3-axled.
(x) 95 [redacted] 3-axled.
(xi) 45 [redacted] 2-axled.
(xii) 10 x wheeled prime movers.
(xiii) 10 x tracked prime movers.

(b) Arrivals of Missiles

11 - 15 Nov 57

Three types of rocket missiles, total quantity unknown, were brought each day [redacted] to the A/A Barracks.

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Type 1 - About 2 m. long and about 15 cm. diameter, 3 fins on the tail section, which was separate from the main part of the missile.

Type 2 - About 4 m. long and 20 cm. diameter, 3 fins on the the tail section which was separate from the main part of the missile.

Type 3 - About 6 m. long and 30 cm. diameter. The tail section had 4 fins, and the whole missile consisted of 3 separate parts.

These missiles were not taken straight into the ammunition store but were first taken into a new flat roofed building approximately 10 m. x 2.5 m. with no windows ([redacted]).

Delivery of Guns to EGA

3 Nov 57

10 x A/A guns with twin wheels [redacted] were taken away from the Barracks by EGA gun crews and vehicles, and were to be taken over by the EGA. ([redacted]).

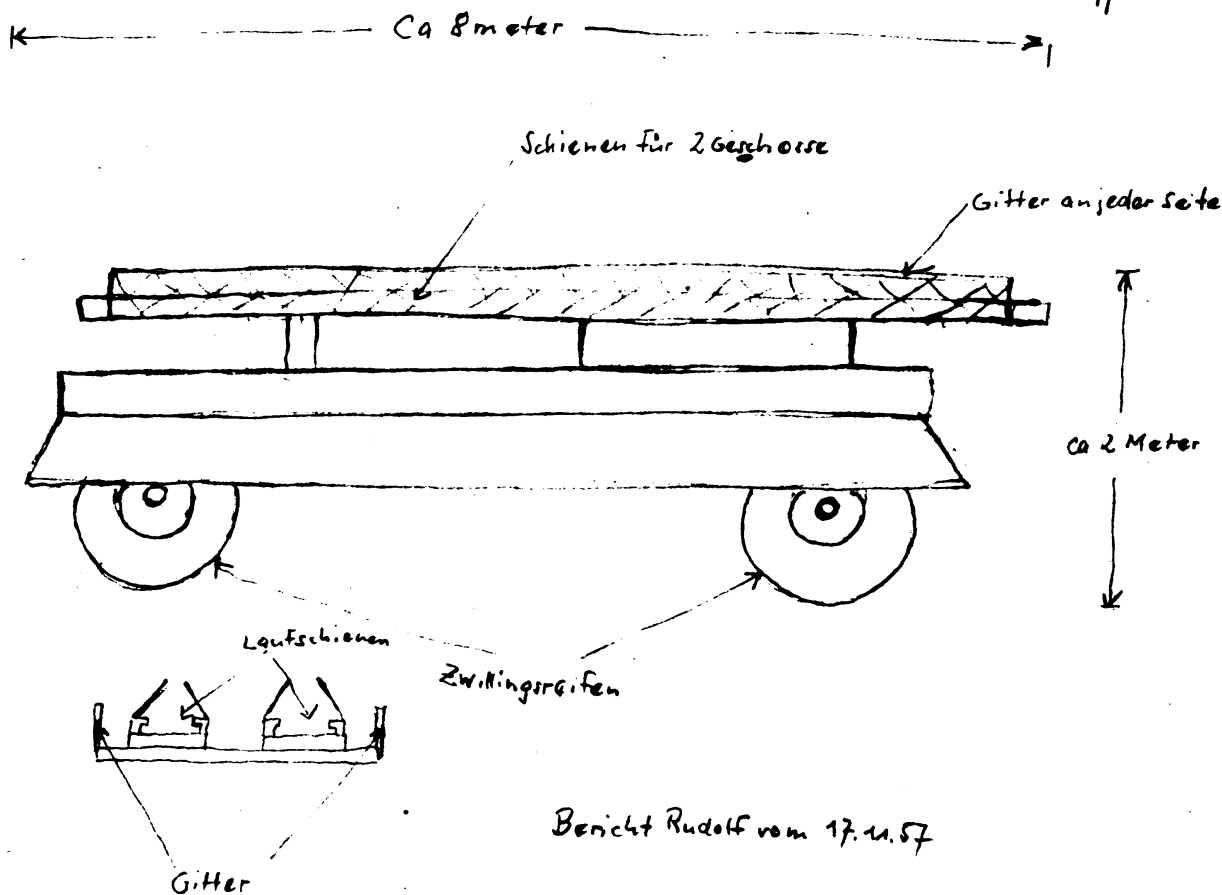
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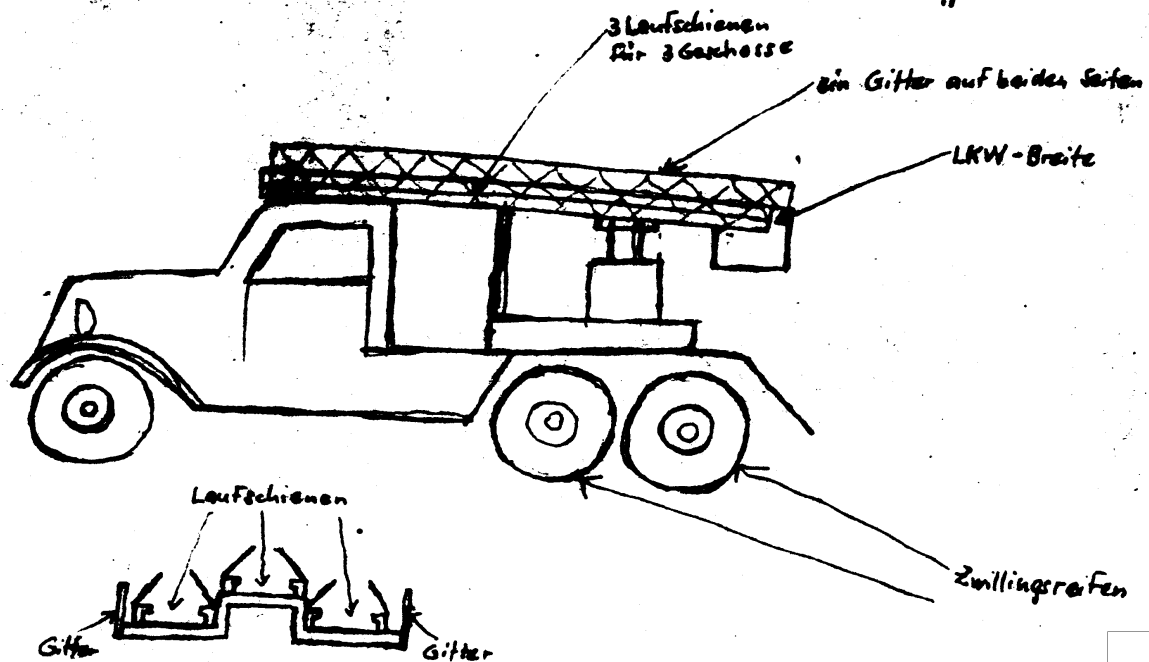


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